

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER  
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee  
Held in City Hall, Atrium Meeting Room  
On Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 6:00pm

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**MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

Etienne Normandin, Chair  
Anna Boltenko  
Arash Ehteshami  
Naz Kohan, Vice Chair  
Jolene Kennett  
Heather Urquhart  
Larry O'Grodnik

**ABSENT:**

Jasreen Janjua  
Tina Parbhakar

Angela Girard, Councillor

**STAFF:**

Heather Evans, Community Planner  
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

1 Councillor (non-voting) 2 staff (non-voting)

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**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNCEDED TERRITORY**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The approval of the agenda was moved and seconded and the agenda was approved as circulated with addition of welcome to new member.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The adoption of the minutes of the meeting of July 10, 2019 with one deletion was moved and seconded and the minutes were adopted as circulated.

The committee welcomed new member, Anna Boltenko.

**4. UPDATES**

a. Councillor

- Council approved two application for rezoning for Cannabis retail sales.
- Council approved additional funding to support Polygon Gallery for one more year.
- Changes to permissive tax exemptions were approved.
- An annual rate increase for Lonsdale Energy Corporation was approved.
- The WalkCNV – Pedestrian Plan was approved.

b. Staff

- The Integrated Planning Strategy is still underway.
- Would SPAC be interested in receiving a presentation on the Balanced Housing Lab?
  - Members agreed they would like this presentation at the next scheduled meeting.

## 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Council Strategic Plan

Councillor Girard presented on Council's Strategic Plan.

Questions/Comments from SPAC:

- How does the Social Plan fit in?
  - It is listed as the Community Well-being Strategy.
- The word partner is used a lot. Is the City going to seek people or places to partner with?
  - We can't achieve our goals without partnerships. Most of these happen organically as we do our work; we hope to partner with other levels of government, developers, non-profits and City staff.
- How does the City plan to facilitate access to local food?
  - Councillors have met with the community garden and are working to expand that mandate. We hope to help reduce food waste and accessibility to foods.
- Are committees expected to follow or think about the Strategic Plan? What about NVRC - does that apply to them?
  - We share NVRC with DNV but it would apply to them as well.
  - Council's Strategic Plan informs our Social Plan and what guides our grant decision making. When the Community Well-Being Strategy is completed it will build off of the Strategic Plan and the OCP

It was moved and seconded:

**THAT**, the Social Planning Advisory Committee, having received the presentation on Council's Strategic Plan from Councillor Angela Girard, supports this plan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Break – 6:50 – 7:05 pm.*

b) 2019 Round Two Community Grants – Distribution of Applications and Review of Process

H. Evans followed up on SPAC's request regarding the history of Community Grant funding.

The committee discussed the best time to do a recommendation to Council requesting an increase in Community Grants. It was agreed to table this topic to the October

meeting and H. Evans and Councillor Girard find out background information in the meantime.

SPAC then discussed how they wished to review the 19 applications in the second round. It was decided that small groups will review 2 or 3 applications by hard copy and H. Evans will provide other applications digitally via "SendIt".

E. Barker to report back to the committee on how many different agencies have applied for grants since 1997.

SPAC to have any questions to H. Evans by October 15.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 23, 2019**

Chair



Date

